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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR SECRETARY

1. REPRESENTATIVE HOLTZMAN'S OFFICE HAS ASKED THAT FOLLO'ING MESSAGE, SIGNED BY REPS. HOLTZMAN, BINGHAM, ROSENTHAL, BRASCO, KOCH, MURPHY, RANGEL, ABZUG, BADILLO, DELANEY,YATES, VANIK, PEYSER, GILLMAN, LEHMAN, EILBERG, MEZVINSKY, WOLFF, CHISHOLM, ADDABBO, BIAGGI, AND CAREY, BE PASSED TO SECRETARY. REPRESENTATIVE HOLTZMAN'S OFFICE IS AWARE THAT SECRETARY HAS ALREADY BEEN TO DAMASCUS AND WILL NOT BE RETURNING. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

AS YOU KNOW, THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAS INDICATED THAT AID TO THE MIDDLE EAST NATIONS WHICH RESTRICT EMIGRATION WILL NOT BE APPROVED.

WE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS MOST RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT, DURING YOUR CURRENT NEGOTIATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, YOU INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF JEWS LIVING IN SYRIA.

WE HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY TO PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASAD OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCERN, AND THAT OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, THAT SYRIAN

| JEWS BE ALLOWED TO LIVE AND WORSHIP FREE OF PERSECUTION, |
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| AND THAT THEY BE GRANTED THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO EMIGRATE. |
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